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RECOMMENDATION BY "SMITH" OF ISADORE
STEINBERG AS A USEFUL SOURCE

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No.: 1350

17 Aug 1943

To the Director,

1. On 16th August 1943 the hearing of SMITH's [SMIT]^[1] case took place before the Appeals Board [APELLYATSIONNAYA KOMISSIYA] of the Civil Service^[a] organisation. Six colleagues in O.S.S. came forward in his defence, including the Chief of the Russian Section, ROBINSON [ROBBINZEN]^[11]. The latter insists upon SMITH's return to work in O.S.S. The result will be [made known]^[b] at the end of August. At the moment SMITH has gone away for a two weeks' holiday.
2. An acquaintance of SMITH ~~is~~, an artist^[and] technical ~~is~~ illustrator, ~~is~~ ISADORE STEINBERG [IZIDOR STEINBERG]^[11], has been taken on for work in the War Department as a member of the publications bureau and expert on military publications matters attached to the Adjutant-General's office. STEINBERG is a KOPORANT^[iv] ^[and]^[b] owner of the firm PRODUCTION ILLUSTRATION in NEW YORK at 155 West 20th Street. SMITH strongly recommends him, he has known him for 15 years. OPPEN^[v] is also well acquainted with him. As SMITH is still at the stage of being checked he has been directed for the time being to refrain from meeting STEINBERG. We consider that the latter will be useful to us both as a source for secret publications of the War Department and for general military and political information. It would be best to recruit him through OPPEN.
3. In CAIRO^[vi] ^[1] group unrecovered^[c] a branch [OTDELENIE] of O.S.S. The complement of staff ^[0%] is being recruited.

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4. In reply to your No. 11312. The people recommended by BREME [BREM][vii] who have finished the radio course have been sent to England with [d] radio units. The question of their being developed by us falls to the ground.

5. The other names of the woman who gave SIMON [SAJMON][viii] information about talks with the President is Josephine Treslow [ix].

6. ^{Connection with} In view of METEOR's [x] transfer to CAPITAL [STOLITSA][xi], the [D% Trade Representation] must [1 group unrecovered] our man. [D% It is desirable][that it should be] [b] to an administrative post - Director of Transport Accounts Division [OTDEL] or Deputy Director of the Publications Section.

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MOLIERE [MOL'ER][xii]

T.N.: [a] "Civil Service" is given in the Latin alphabet.

[b] Inserted by translator.

[c] The meaning of this group is some part of the verb "to set up" or "to be set up".

[d] Or "as", or "by the".

[e] Given at the beginning of the message.

Comments: [i] SMITH: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ *Learned Emil MINS.*

[ii] In 1943 Arthur H. ROBINSON, Chief of the Cartographic Section, Research and Analysis Branch, O.S.S., was ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ superior.

[iii] ISADORE N. STEINBERG was employed in the Publications Division of the War Department from 19th July 1943 to 18th October 1943. In the text the spelling IZIDOR STEINBERG is given in the Latin alphabet.

[iv] KORFORANT: a member of a Communist Party.

[v] OPPEN: unidentified covername.

[vi] CAIRO: references to CAIRO in this traffic do not, as yet, show whether it is a covername or not.

[vii] BREME: Possibly Thomas BABIN.

[viii] SIMON: unidentified covername.

[ix] Josephine TRESLOW. Given in the Latin alphabet. Possibly identical with Josephine Truslow ADAMS.

[x] METEOR: unidentified covername.

[xi] CAPITAL: probably WASHINGTON, D.C.

[xii] MOLIERE: Pavel Petrovich MIKHAILOV, Soviet Vice-Consul in NEW YORK.

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